Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, along with House Republicans, met today with President Obama and members of his administration to discuss the economic stimulus proposal. Congress is set to vote on the \$816 billion bill tomorrow. He released the following statement:

"This was a cordial and respectful discussion. There was a great deal of common ground regarding concern for the economy, but also an honest dialogue about philosophical differences.

"I appreciated the President's outreach, but remain concerned about highly aggressive federal spending in the name of stimulus. This spending will add more long-term debt and be very difficult to reverse, creating an unfair burden for our children and the next generation."

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